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ROBBED NEAR THE FOUR COURTS.

Another Attack on the Twelfth Street Bridge.

EDWARD BLOCK THE VICTIM.

HE CARRIED MONEY BELONGING TO THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS TAKEN.

The Assault was at 5 O'Clock Tuesday Morning and the Footpads Were Red Handkerchiefs Over Their Faces.

Edward Block, an employee of the Adams Express Co., had a narrow escape from death at the hands of two masked robbers Tuesday morning, and that, too, within hailing distance of the Central Police Station.

Believing that he would be killed if he refused, Block gave up all the money he had, about \$15. The robbers took it and cursed because the amount was not larger.

"We've a notion to kill you for not having more," one of them said.

The robbery occurred at 5:15 o'clock Tuesday morning on the Twelfth street bridge, near Clark avenue. Block was hurrying from his home to his place of business. He carried with him a sack containing silver dollars and halves belonging to the express company.

He had passed a little more than half way across the bridge, when he was attacked by two negroes. Their faces were screened from view by red handkerchiefs, tightly drawn, with holes for the eyes, nose and mouth. They approached him from either side.

"Throw up your hands," shouted one and he emphasized the command with a volley of curses.

Up went Block's hands. At the same time the negro who gave the command placed a pistol to the side of the victim's head. He declared that he would not hesitate to commit murder and that the first outcry would be sufficient provocation.

While all of this was going on, the other negro searched Block's pockets and the express money bag was easily located. The negroes evidently were aware of the identity of their victim and were of the opinion that he carried a greater sum. They looked upon the \$15 with disdain, yet they took it, remarking that it was not enough to pay them for getting up so early on a cold morning.

As soon as the robbers were satisfied that Block had no more money, they released him and ordered him to hurry away from the scene. Then the robbers started under the bridge.

The police were notified, but the footpads are still at large.

Block is a driver for the express company, and the money he carried represented his collections Monday evening after it was too late to make a report to his office. He is unable to give an accurate description of the robbers.

WHO IS HE?

NO MYSTERY IN HISTORY

Is Quite the Equal of This Polyhedral Entity,

WHO MUFFLES HIS IDENTITY,

AND WILL NO QUESTIONS ANSWER, ALTHOUGH WE'RE SURE HE CAN, SIR.

BUT NO, HE WILL NOT CHATTER.

What Strange Fatality Surrounds His Personality? Is Smith a Myth? Who Will Clear Up This Matter?

The Chicago papers have now taken up the St. Louis Four Courts mystery. A reporter for a Chicago newspaper called on Chief Harrigan Tuesday and was afterwards admitted to the jail. He gave his name as Isadore Borwitz, 167 West Twelfth street, Chicago. He thought from the published picture of the Mystery that he could identify him, and he came all the way from the Windy City to "scoop" the St. Louis papers. He got no "scoop." He saw that he was mistaken as soon as he laid his eyes on the Mystery.

In the meantime "John Smith" is taking his medicine philosophically. He walks the corridor of the jail in a leisurely, dignified sort of way, occasionally munching an apple, and when not so engaged he reads the papers. He is not surly, nor morose, but he has nothing to say to any one unless he is addressed; then he replies briefly, provided the question is a commonplace one and has no possible bearing on his case, but does not encourage any intimacy with any one.

"Smith's" caution in the matter of answering questions—or of not answering rather—is extreme. Pick any name out of 150,000 or more in the city directory and ask him if that is his name, and he will say, "I cannot answer any questions," presumably on the theory that if he continued to answer, the list of names might be sprung on him until the correct one was reached.

It is positively known that he is not Ed Zender of Springfield, but you ask him if he is, he will smile and say, "I have been identified as him; I suppose it must be true."

It is a curious fact that unlike the average prisoner he does not seem to be given to bragging. If it does not suit him to make a question he simply refuses. For instance he will say that he has been in Springfield, Mo., which by the way is strong proof that he is not Zender or he would not answer. On the other hand it is reasonably certain that he has recently been in Buffalo, N. Y.



The junketers are coming home!

Get out the horns and drums, And tear in two the skyey dome With "Conquering Hero Comes!"

Let all the people join the song

Throughout this mighty city, And chant the praises loud and long Of our far-famed committee.

But here's a warning in advance:

Unless they clear this mud away, The junketers will have a chance Ere long to wipe some blood away.

RIVER BED OF SHINING GOLD.

Wondrous Tale of a Rich Discovery in Alaska.

IT READS LIKE A DREAM.

BUT FIFTY CALIFORNIANS ARE ON THE WAY TO DIG THE METAL.

ITS LOCATION A SECRET.

The Story Told in a Letter Written by a Reputable Business Man Who Went From Los Angeles to the Klondike.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Of the two scores and more gold hunters who sailed yesterday for Alaska on the steamer City of Poughkeepsie, at least three have before them a prospect of riches so great as to exceed the wildest imaginings of the most enthusiastic Klondike boomer.

If the story these three men tell and believe to be true there is somewhere far up the dry bed of a river, and there he found gold in such quantities that he could take out several thousand dollars a day. The purpose of his letter was to tell his partner to organize a party of fifty reliable men, who would agree to deed a half interest in their claims to the discoverer. The letter was couched in the most urgent terms, and was signed by a man who had been prospecting five rivers in the extreme northern part of Alaska, and had found gold in variable quantities in all of them. He finally happened upon what appears to be the place where the gold was hidden. Neither am I at liberty to state where the party is to meet the discoverer of the rich place, and that I know is that the man who received the letter is my friend, and that he has agreed to the half-interest condition, but who had not sufficient funds to defray the expenses of the trip.

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FROM PAT TO PERCY

P. Joseph Shannahan Asks the Court to Change His Name.

Patrick Joseph Shannahan made application to the Circuit Court Tuesday afternoon for the change of his name to Percy Joseph Shannahan.

He says he is a conductor on the Grand avenue division of the street car line and that in his social intercourse with his fellow workmen many jests are made at the expense of his name and the wounding of his sensitive nature.

The application has been assigned to Judge Blair for a hearing on the merits of the issues.

WANDERING IN FOREST PARK.

William Robb, a Sanitarium Patient, Found Almost Frozen.

A strange man was found wandering aimlessly about in Forest Park, Monday night. When discovered by the police he was almost frozen.

He could give no intelligent account of his identity and was sent to the Mounted District Station.

In the first District Police Court Tuesday morning it developed that the man was a patient in the Sanitarium, to which place he was taken by the police.

Robb wandered away Monday afternoon.

THE FIGHTING IN INDIA.

British Bodies Recovered and the Enemy Punished.

BOMBAY, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Mamani gives further details of the disaster on Saturday last of the Fourth Brigade of British troops operating on the frontier near Shinkam. Gen. Westmacott, who has just returned to Mamani after visiting the scene of the fighting, recovered 22 bodies of the British slain and inflicted heavy losses upon 300 of the enemy who opposed him. The British force lost one man killed and had eight men wounded in the latter engagement. Gen. Sir William Lockhart, who has just returned to the command of the frontier forces by Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, sails for England on Saturday next. In an interview he expressed the opinion that a spring campaign against the tribesmen would be necessary.

NEW GOLD DISCOVERIES.

Large Quantities Found in Hay, Buffalo and Other Rivers.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 1.—News has reached Regina that the first party of persons bound for the Yukon by the Prince Albert route have found gold in large quantities in the Hay, Buffalo and other rivers running into Great Slave Lake, 700 miles from Prince Albert. The news comes through Bishop Pascal and is considered reliable.

REMEDY WAS NEARLY FATAL.

Mrs. Broom Drank Carbolic Acid for Toothache.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 1.—Mrs. John Brown of this city narrowly escaped death yesterday. She drank a quantity of carbolic acid and but for the fact that she was given mouth and throat are in a terrible condition, being burned so badly that the flesh peeled off. She claims that she took the acid to cure an aching tooth.

LIVED TO BE 105.

Death of Owen Sullivan, Oldest Man in Wisconsin.

DELEVAN, Wis., Feb. 1.—Owen Sullivan, aged 105, is dead. He was probably the oldest man in Wisconsin. He was born in Ireland in 1793 and came to America in 1833. He has lived in this vicinity since 1840. He is said to have been married five times and to have had 17 children, nearly all of whom are dead. He gloried in the fact that he never had his picture taken.

SORGHUM MACHINERY SOLD.

A Government Experiment in Kansas That Failed.

PORT SCOTT, Feb. 1.—The deathknell of the once promising sugar industry in Kansas, upon which the Government spent almost \$250,000 in experiment, was sounded here to-day when the only set of sugar machinery in the State was sold to Nebraska men for shipment to that State. The machinery was from the Parkinson factory here and cost \$104,000. It sold for \$9,000. This was the first situation established by the Government. The industry in Kansas gradually collapsed after the Government removed the bounty on sugar.

HUMAN LIVES ON LAND AND SEA BLOTTED OUT WITHOUT WARNING.

Ocean Disaster Off the Isle of Jersey and a Hotel Fire at Gloversville, N. Y.

British Ship Strikes a Rock and Forty-Four Persons Believed to Have Drowned.

Five Guests in the Alford House Perish and Many Make Narrow Escapes.

Six Men Make Perilous Leaps From Windows to Escape From a Burning House in Omaha.

PLYMOUTH, England, Feb. 1.—There is another marine disaster to chronicle here. Reports are somewhat conflicting as to the loss of life, but the latest news indicates that it has been large.

The mail steamer Channel Queen, which ran between Plymouth and the island of Jersey, has been wrecked. She struck on the rocks during a fog this morning and sank.

It is said that 44 lives were lost. When the news was first announced it was reported that the loss of life was heavy, but the owners of the vessel gave out the reassuring statement that only two persons out of 65 on board were lost. This quieted the fears of those who had friends on the unfortunate steamer for awhile, but soon more alarming accounts of the disaster came and when it was given out that the fatalities had reached 44 there were sorrowful scenes about the docks and offices of the company.

The company is making every effort to get at the exact facts.

Some of the people on board the Channel Queen, it is known, were brought off in her boats, which were launched with difficulty, one of them being swamped.

SPRANG FROM WINDOWS.

Six Men Leap for Their Lives From a Burning Building.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 1.—Fire early this morning cut off the escape of six men who were sleeping over the Rose Restaurant, 1324 Farnam street. So swiftly did the flames run through the building that the men were compelled to leap from the second-story windows before the firemen could raise ladders. J. P. Murphy, Hugh Pittman and Irving McElroy sustained severe burns and broken bones as a result. They were removed to a hospital. The others escaped with slight injuries.

IN A COLD GUTTER SHE LAY.

Pretty Mulatto Girl Picked Up Unconscious From Coccaine.

Bertha Rohn, a good-looking mulatto girl, not more than 19 years old, was found lying in the gutter at Third and Market streets Monday night, incapable of motion.

Pedestrians clad in heavy clothing, overcoats, and wearing ear-muffs, could not keep warm, yet the girl lay there on the pavement, unconscious, and nearly naked, a calico wrapper alone covering her form.

In the first District Police Court Tuesday morning it developed that the girl was not drunk on liquor but had fallen into a state of unconsciousness from excessive indulgence in cocaine.

The arresting officer described her as a confirmed cocaine addict and as a victim of the drug ever brought to the police court to answer a charge of disorderly conduct.

She was fined \$20 and she will have no opportunity to satisfy her cravings for the drug for 60 days.

GEORGIA WOMAN MURDERED.

Beaten by Robbers in Her Husband's Absence.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. REIDSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 1.—A horrible murder was committed about seven miles from here. Mrs. A. J. Sharp, a prominent farmer's wife was murdered and her husband robbed. Her husband and son were killed and when they returned to the house they found the old lady lying in the kitchen door, her head beaten and her clothing covered with blood and a large pool of blood on the floor. The murderer or murderers broke open a closet door in the house and secured considerable money. The sheriff and a posse have just left here for the scene of the crime and the county will be scouring in the search. Mrs. Sharp was the mother of Dr. J. R. Rodgers, one of the most prominent physicians of this section.

STEWART CASE AFFIRMED.

Prendergast's Slayer Will Have to Go to the Pen.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—Division No. 2, in an opinion by Sherwood, J., affirmed the judgment of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County in the case of State vs. James Stewart. This is a case of murder in the second degree and the punishment was set at 99 years in the penitentiary.

In May, 1897, the defendant and Walter Block went to the home of an old man named Prendergast to steal corn. The old man discovered them at his crib and started after them with a shotgun and Stewart killed him. The evidence was circumstantial and of such a character as to make a strong case. Block is yet to be tried.

CUT HIS OWN THROAT.

Suicide of Thos. L. Thompson, Ex-Minister to Brazil.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 1.—Thomas L. Thompson, ex-United States Minister to Brazil, committed suicide here this morning by cutting his throat. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

LIVERY STABLE BURNED.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 1.—The old livery stable of Peter Don, located in New London, Mo., was burned to the ground last night.

SKATING IN SIGHT.

Post-Dispatch Lake Will Probably Bear Lovers of the Sport Wednesday.

Twenty-four hours more of the present cold weather will insure lovers of skating another season of invigorating enjoyment. Monday night a thin coating of ice formed on the surface of all the local lakes.

The Post-Dispatch Lake was to the eye a vast expanse of glassy smoothness but the ice was thin and treacherous. It is thought skating will be good in the lake not later than Wednesday next unless a day of warm weather strikes St. Louis.



We wonder, John, why it is you are fond of mystifying us. And why your name and history you will keep on denying us? We have no means whatever of revealing your identity. You polyhedral, nondescript, four-eyed, secretive entity! We much admire your steady nerve and your concise mentality. But much there is we yearn to know about your personality. O John! Apprise our wonderment, and clear away this jobbery. Tell us why you ever sought to perpetrate a robbery.

POST-DISPATCH THERMOMETER.

7 a. m.	11	12 noon	20
8 a. m.	12	1 p. m.	21
9 a. m.	13	2 p. m.	22
10 a. m.	14	3 p. m.	23

CRAZY MAN GOES TO COURT.

James Beecher Wants His Insanity Investigated.

IS AN INMATE OF THE ASYLUM.

DREW UP A PETITION FOR HABEAS CORPUS—HAD A GUARD TAKE HIM TO COURT.

HAS PROGRESSIVE PARANOIA.

Asylum Doctors Say He Has Been Insane for Twenty-Eight Years, Though Rational and Intelligent on Many Topics.

The most remarkable person in the St. Louis Insane Asylum appeared unannounced in the Circuit Clerk's office Monday evening and filed application for a writ of habeas corpus to inquire into the continuance of his restraint and confinement.

The man was James M. Beecher, known to physicians as a case of paranoia that was unrecognized for nearly thirty years. He is of distinguished appearance, 6 feet

tall, straight and soldierly in his bearing, has a gray beard, large eyes, black hair tinged with gray, straight nose, well shaped head and weighs about 135 pounds. In his application, which was a perfectly prepared legal document, Beecher asserts he is unlawfully restrained of his liberty; that he has been confined in the asylum without the slightest authority since Feb. 2, 1869, and that under the constitution and laws of the State he is entitled to an inquiry into his sanity.

The man was accompanied by a guard from the asylum, and the paper was received and assigned to Judge Talbot's division.

"The incident of Beecher's appearance at the Courthouse," says Dr. Edward Runge, superintendent of the asylum, "happened in this way. It is my custom to permit some of the patients to visit relatives or attend to private business. Beecher's son had asked me to let his father come down and look at a patent he has just obtained for a mechanical contrivance. Yesterday I told the man he might go and in his presence called a guard and instructed him to accompany Beecher wherever he desired. Beecher was sent for and came down quickly to Dr. Runge's office. He gazed steadily at the reporter and said: 'I am a first lightning-flash of unreason in his big brown eyes, then smiled and said softly: 'Yes, I remember and I met you in January, 1881, at Jefferson City. The day was given with startling accuracy and the reporter was in the capital on that date. 'I don't pretend to say that anything will ever come of my application for a writ of habeas corpus, I filed it, though, and although they tried to make me pay a fine of \$2, I stood on my rights and got them.'"

The patient spoke at length of the man he had known in Missouri, describing their several characteristics of speech and conduct and giving sketches of incidents in their public career.

The records show that Beecher came of a distinguished family. As a young man he was the pride of his father on account of his intellectual achievements. When 28 years of age he fell from a railway train and sustained a serious injury to his head. After that his disposition changed almost imperceptibly until he came to be considered an alien, a 'nervous' man, given to exaggeration and prying into people's private affairs as a serious duty.

Beecher solemnly swore he never received an accident or that he was ever unconscious, but the affidavits of all his family prove the contrary.

Early in his career of irresponsibility he conceived the idea that he was in the secret service of an organization known as the 'Tax Payers' League and this was constituted by his excited delusions of the law which have characterized his irresponsible life. The trouble was that society

looked him seriously and for 28 years hounded the man from pillar to post, piling up against him a long record of crimes when it was discovered at last that he had scarcely a gleam of sanity.

He was feared by his family and neighbors, and he carried in his face and leg the marks of gunshot wounds inflicted by a relative who had threatened to kill and who did not know he was insane. His principal diversion was forger. He ran the gamut of every court in St. Louis and the adjacent territories, his principal hobby being changes of venue, which he carried out with a dexterity that startled his lawyers, who acknowledged the superiority of his tactics.

Beecher last escapade was hardly up to his usual cunning and exemplified the growth of his disease. He went to Chicago and actually persuaded a big stationery house to employ him as its St. Louis agent. He fitted out magnificent general offices on credit near Fourth and Washington avenue and for weeks employed himself writing letters to the people in behalf of his business. But his creditors began to press him for rent and for furnishings, and one day he sold the outfit of his office. The creditors had him arrested and then he fell back upon his old delusion that they were criminals and that as an officer in the secret service of the 'Taxpayers' League it was his duty to catch them by any artifice in his power. He fought every step of his prosecution with consummate skill until an inquiry into his sanity was instituted. Then his house of cards fell to pieces and he found that he had been actually insane for nearly 30 years.

Since his incarceration his letter writing has been largely directed to the several superintendents. Each succeeding physician he has come into power by reason of his favoring of the 'Taxpayers' League. He conceives it his duty, as a retainer of the league, to keep incessant watch and guard upon the new superintendents, to see that he does not transcend the rules of the league. Before a year had passed he reaches the inevitable conclusion that the chief officer of the asylum has followed his predecessor in official corruption, infamy, and that the league is preparing to have him dismissed.

One of the saddest incidents of Beecher's career is that his devoted and affectionate wife died not knowing his insanity. She was aware of his eccentricities and of his inability to make a living. For years they were aided by Mr. Beecher's relatives, who were sorely tried by the trouble into which

he was continually plunging them and him by his forger's letters. His sons are in business in this city and are competent to take any action that may be necessary for his care and keeping. They visit him frequently, and occasionally he is permitted to take an occasional trip downtown to make an inquiry into his sanity.

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POOLROOM GAMBLERS BUSY AND COURTS ARE HALTING.

The Poolroom at Wellston is Flourishing.

PLANS OF LAW OFFICERS.

PROSECUTOR HEIDORN ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL ASK FOR INDICTMENTS.

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

Gamblers Smile Because They Remember That Judge Hirsch Has Already Ruled Against the Breeders' Law.

The Brooklyn Turf Exchange at 628 Easton avenue, Wellston, is doing a rushing business, and Justice Henry Deeters, just across the street, has hung up his official coat to take advantage of the way of prosperity that has rolled over his saloon.

Prosecuting Attorney Heidorn says he will ask the grand jury to indict the gamblers under the breeders' law. This does not worry the bookies in the least, because they remember that Judge Hirsch is on record concerning the breeders' law. He once ruled Judge Murphy's court several days last summer when poolroom cases were up for trial, and he decided that the enactment passed by the last Legislature, to restrict betting at horse races, was unconstitutional.

That the county authorities are talking about proceeding under this statute, when the only Judge who can pass upon the case out there has already held the statute to be invalid, causes persons to wonder if the law is not being treated to a little game of bluff.

Last August the Post-Dispatch published an interview with Judge Hirsch, in which the Circuit Judge said that, although he held the Breeders' law to be class legislation, and therefore invalid, he saw no reason why proprietors of poolrooms could be convicted under the general gambling or general nuisance act.

The bookies are not troubling themselves about the law. They are more concerned about the finishing touches to their building. The wires are all in position and New Orleans and English entries are posted on the big blackboards.

Five men work behind the screen, while three others busy themselves in the crowds, urging hesitating victims. The two rooms were packed all Monday, but the betting was light until late in the evening, a great many of the crowd being residents of the little suburb and had never been inside of a poolroom. These thinned out after a time and the old line gamblers from downtown were given a chance.

Most of the crowd that paid money yesterday were professionals. The room is too far away for the gullest street clerk, whose dollars flowed so freely in the bookies' coffers in days of yore. Out in Wellston were only those steeped in this seductive evil.

This inability to reach the honest shekels of the laboring man is a thorn in the bookie's flesh. It is this sentiment that caused three well-known gamblers to go to De Hodiament Monday afternoon and cast about for a suitable location for another room. At that place, the rendezvous of the employees of the St. Louis & Suburban Railway Co., more verdant plungers could be found and enticed behind those frosted glass doors.

It is said a house has been selected, but there have been no steps to get control of the property. The bookmakers will hardly go further until the disposition of the authorities at Clayton is better understood.

SIXTH AND OLIVE CORNER.

Rumor of a Great Office Building to Be Erected There.

Mrs. Virginia S. Peunget, who has purchased the one-half interest of Mrs. Adele S. Morrison in the property on the northeast corner of Sixth and Olive streets, for \$100,000, will offer the corner for lease or sale.

This fact gives impetus to the gossip that Tony Papp, Adolphus Buich and others will procure the property and erect a great office building thereon, the lower floors to be occupied by Mr. Papp.

Mrs. Peunget had several offers of negotiation for the property, and expects soon to dispose of the valuable corner.

The chair made vacant by death is always a sad reminder of the past, and especially sad when it is mother's chair. All over the city there are vacant chairs that would still be occupied by the mothers of the children who have died.

Women would be well to realize the importance of keeping in a womanly way, and cannot too soon understand that it is little less than a crime to neglect the health of the organs to which are entrusted the perpetuation of a healthy robust race of human beings. By neglect of these organs a woman ruins her own health, destroys the happiness of her home, and fails in the performance of the most sublime duty that she owes to the world.

The best medicine for women who are weak where Nature demands the most strength is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly upon the organs that make motherhood possible. It cures all weakness and disease that exists there and stops all distressing, debilitating drains. It prepares a woman for motherhood and in infancy it makes the mother a source of baby ease and almost painless. Druggists who offer something "just as good" are either ignorant or dishonest and in either case are not to be trusted.

"I had been a great sufferer for years with female weakness," writes Mrs. John Downie, of No. 34 Lexington Avenue, New York, "and I was in a wretched condition. I had a pain in my left leg for seven years. I used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' My pain has been relieved. I can walk two or three miles at a time without any trouble. I cannot recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines high enough. My daughter also has used your medicines with great benefit. She was operated upon for appendicitis and had fainting spells from it. She took the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' 'Favorite Prescription,' 'Extract of Sassafras' and 'Pleasant Pellets' and has not had any fainting spells since. When she commenced to take it she weighed 82 pounds now she weighs 140 pounds."

Constipation! It is the fountain-head of many diseases. It closes the bowels and all manner of diseases are the result. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Promptly. Surely. Permanently. They never gripe. Druggists sell them.

Partial Victory for Bookies in Poolroom Cases.

STATE'S APPEAL REJECTED.

LEGALITY OF THE BREEDERS' LAW NOT THE POINT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

SUPREME COURT'S DECISION.

Misdemeanor Cases Must Be Appealed to the Circuit Court Before Going to Jefferson City.

Another victory for the poolrooms without involving the Breeders' law. Judge David B. Murphy of the Court of Criminal Correction smiled Tuesday when he read a Post-Dispatch special telegram from Jefferson City announcing that the Supreme Court had dismissed the St. Louis poolroom cases, taken upon appeal.

Judge Murphy's smile indicated that he felt as much satisfied as if the Supreme Court had openly affirmed his decision in releasing the poolroom defendants.

The telegram which was exhibited to Judge Murphy follows: Division No. 2 of the Supreme Court today dismissed the writ of error in the St. Louis poolroom cases, without passing upon the constitutionality of the Breeders' law. Judge Sherwood wrote the opinion. The court held that the State has no right to appeal misdemeanor cases to this court, and hence the judgment of Judge Murphy of St. Louis is left in force and the defendants are released.

The opinion in part is as follows: Until the year 1845, Revised Statutes of that year, page 880, sections 9 and 10, the statute of this State never authorized the State to take an appeal in a criminal case. These sections recognize and give authority for the exercise of this right only in the case and under the conditions of the Revised Statutes of 1845, section 9. These cases and circumstances so defined in the next section (section 10), (1) when an indictment is returned against a defendant in a criminal case, (2) when the defendant is found guilty, (3) when the defendant is sentenced to the penitentiary, (4) when the defendant is sentenced to the State Prison, (5) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Correction, (6) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Detention, (7) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Reformatory, (8) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Industry, (9) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Labor, (10) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Education, (11) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Religion, (12) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Art, (13) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Science, (14) when the defendant is sentenced to the State House of Literature, (15) when 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TO MY TRACEY HERE.

THE CRACK LIGHTWEIGHT ARRIVES IN ST. LOUIS FROM CHICAGO THIS MORNING.

COMES TO MEET BOB DOUGLAS.

Blanchard of Boston Proposes a Championship Trophy to Be Fought For by the Big Fellows.

Tommy Tracey, fresh from Palos Springs, where he has been in training for his coming bout with Bob Douglas, arrived in St. Louis this morning.

The boy is looking well, though a trifle drawn from his hard work, but he is in as good spirits as usual and confident of giving a good account of himself.

While there are some here who think Tracey will have away the best of it in the coming match, their confidence is not shared in by the members of the Chicago Athletic Club, who have seen Douglas defeat so many good men.

They have won considerable money on Douglas in his previous contests, and they are backing the St. Louis boxer freely now.

The Chicago Times-Star, talking about the meeting between Tracey and Douglas says: "This battle should prove one of the hardest fought contests ever seen between welterweights. Smiling Tom, in conceding eight pounds to the clever St. Louis pugilist will have to fight his best effort to gain a victory. Considerable local interest is shown in the outcome of the mill, and numerous wagers have been made on the result. The Chicago Athletic association members, who have been considerable money on their favorite in his previous battles, are backing the St. Louis boxer freely."

David H. Blanchard, author of "Fair Play Boxing Rules," who has given the matter much thought, proposes the following plan to settle the championship question.

"I could be settled by contesting for a trophy, say a belt worth not less than \$10,000, paid for by subscriptions of not less than \$100 more than \$5. A committee of nine, representing the principal papers of the cities, should be chosen, one each from Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, San Francisco and two from New York. It should be the duty of this committee to collect subscriptions, procure the belt, arrange contests, decide all questions and settle all disputes.

"It should also be the duty of this committee to see that the name of every subscriber is published in at least one daily paper in each of the cities where subscriptions are solicited, and that the name of each subscriber shall be preserved in a suitably designed pamphlet, which shall accompany the belt, and be at all times accessible to the public.

"The following obligations from contestants should be required: That each contestant secure \$10,000 backing, \$5000 to be posted at the time of making a match, and \$5000 six months later, and \$4000 to days previous to contest, when the entire stake should be placed in the hands of a stakeholder satisfactory to the committee."

THE CENTURY RECORDS.

The American Road Club Announces the Mileage for 1897.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The road record committee of the Century Road Club of America announces the mileage for 1897, as reported by the members and accepted by the committee. The three leading members and winners of the prizes given by the club have been members all the year, and so the whole mileage as reported by them is 3,999 miles. The mileage of Irving Harrison, fourth in the list, counted in competition, as he joined the club late in the year. Certificates are granted only to those who ride 3,000 miles in the year. The leaders are:

John H. George, Philadelphia.....	3,278
John Noble, Philadelphia.....	2,878
Milton N. Klein, Philadelphia.....	2,878
Irving Harrison, Jersey City.....	2,822
Charles Perkins, Jersey City.....	2,469
Frank R. Lang, Portland.....	2,469
Mrs. A. M. C. Allen, Worcester.....	2,192
W. H. Ruck, Colorado Springs.....	2,117
John H. Hunter, Toledo.....	2,117
Leila Ruppert, Toledo.....	1,949
F. Fred Ford, Jr., Auburnville.....	1,852
W. E. Harvey, Berkeley, N. J.....	1,498
Charles L. Archard, Cleveland.....	1,417
S. B. Fick, Chicago.....	1,370
Don McCrehan, Colorado Springs.....	1,317
Roy M. Davis, Cleveland.....	1,183
Mrs. George Bunker, Chicago.....	1,100
P. Carlton Wright, Colorado Springs.....	1,098
Thomas W. Davis, Florida.....	1,028
Grant Green, Jr., Louisville.....	1,028
Bert Holland, Terre Haute.....	1,032
Sam Warren, Baltimore.....	1,000

Sloan and Goodwin.

Tod Sloan and Nat Goodwin indulged their inclination for chaffing by rathering a crowd about them in an apparently heated argument about the relative merits of American and English hotel. When the crowd was properly worked up to the point of taking sides the actor and the jockey locked arms and went off to find a man with a white apron—Chicago Chronicle.

Paddy Smith Goes to Klondike.

Paddy Smith, who was knocked out by Tommy Tracey at the Press Club's benefit, has gone to the Klondike to join his brother, Denver Ed Smith.

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Less Than Maker's Prices Wednesday. 2,000 yards all-pure Silk Pongee, in all the new and pretty light shades, per yard, Wednesday..... 15c

88-inch All-Wool Cheviot and Ladies' Cloth; 50-inch extra heavy Black Striped Serge; 48-inch English Checks and Plaids; choice, on main floor, per yard, Wednesday..... 15c

48-inch two-toned Knab Sulting, in new and handsome effects; 48-inch All-Wool Scotch Sulting, in lovely spring colorings; on main floor, choice, per yard, Wednesday..... 25c

Best quality all-pure Silk Rustle Taffeta, in all the newest and swiftest of this season's changeable color schemes, 50c value; per yard, Wednesday..... 59c

Infants' Shirts.

Second, for a Mere Trifle.

Closed out the entire stock of a noted Philadelphia mill, which are usually called seconds. Inspections are slight, and you can scarcely detect them—and this is how we'll sell 'em in the Manufacturers' Great Outlet Sale Wednesday:

Bands—Infants' All-Wool Jersey Strap over shoulders—regular 15c

Shirts—Infants' all-wool and wool and fine all-wool Princess shirts, up to 4 years and all open fronts—

38c Infants' Merino 19c

38c Infants' All-Wool 35c

70c Infants' Silk 11c to 13c

Shirts for 49c

25c Corset

75c

Handsome 811c Embroidered W. B. regular \$2.00

Corset, 25c

or so long as they'll

hold out for the absurdly

low price of 75c

Hosiery.

Lot of Ladies' Men's and Children's

Outing Hosiery, with double toes

and heels, and regularly

worth 10c; Wednesday, per pair..... 4c

Leather Goods.

\$1.50 Pocket Books 25c

Bout 1000 pieces—sample line Leather

Goods—Pocket Books, Card Cases, Com-

partments, Bill Books, Purse, Music

Rolls, Shopping Bags, etc., in all the

new styles and shapes, plain and

monogrammed, regular 50c

choice of all Wednesday..... 25c

\$2.50 Umbrellas, \$1.25

for

Sample Line—Ladies' and Men's

Silk, strong rods, best paragon

frames, natural wood, pearl, Dresden,

horn and Prince of Wales hand-

les—splendid regular \$2.50

Unusually low price in manufac-

turer's great outlet sale

Wednesday for..... \$1.25

Toilet Needs.

3-1/2 bar Green or..... 29c

White Soap 15c

Sanitol..... 29c

Buttermilk..... 4c

Cuticura..... 12c

Soap..... 8c

Ammonia..... 3c

Knitting Silk.

Fresh goods, in bright

choice..... 25c

Wednesday, per spool..... 24c

French Perfumes.

Our own importation, bottles

free, regular 50c perfume,

Wednesday, per ounce..... 15c

10c

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OUR MANUFACTURERS' GREAT OUTLET SALE

Is the event—the sensation of the week! Prices—values—ringing bargains that're a veritable revelation. "The Grand Leader's the place for bargains and no mistake," said one of yesterday's great throng, and

WEDNESDAY'S OFFERINGS

will plainly prove that our friendly patron was exactly right.

GREATEST VALUES—GREATEST BARGAINS—LOWEST PRICES—FOR WEDNESDAY.

Note Especially the Great Bargains Up to Noon Wednesday—No Longer.



Fastest Growing Store in America—Broadway and Washington.

ON SALE UNTIL NOON WEDNESDAY.

Embroideries and Laces—Choice of a big lot of Odds and Ends—Remnants, etc., a few soiled a little, but worth to 125c—choice per yard till Noon Wednesday..... 2c

Drilling—Heavy Unbleached Drilling, 32 inches wide and worth 8 1-2c per yard—till Noon Wednesday..... 3c

Drapery Swisses—30-inch Imported White Drapery—worth not less than 15c per yard—till Noon Wednesday..... 5c

Linings—1 case Linen Finished Canvas—1 case Best Quality Pelican 32-inch Rustle Taffeta, worth 10c to 15c yard, choice till Noon Wednesday..... 5c

India Linen—Finest Quality 33-inch Mill Lengths India Linen; sheer and fine—worth 10c and 12 1/2c yard—choice till Noon Wednesday..... 5c

Torchon Laces—1000 pieces Fine Quality Torchon Laces—exact reproductions of the very finest hand-made that sell regularly at 50c yard—choice (on main floor), till Noon Wednesday..... 5c

Underwear—Big table odds and ends of Children's Underwear—Jersey ribbed, fleeced lined, white and natural wool, up to size 34 (large enough for small men and good sized women) and worth to 50c—choice till Noon Wednesday..... 9c

Men's Underwear—Heavy-weight Merino Shirts and Drawers, in natural wool and camel's hair—colored French necks and pearl buttons—worth to 35c—till Noon Wednesday..... 12c

Misses' and Children's Jersey, Fleece Lined Cotton Union Suits, all sizes, and worth to 45c the suit—till Noon Wednesday..... 15c

Skirt Patterns—with embroidered edges—in Basement till Noon Wednesday, and worth 35c, for..... 15c

Coffee Pots—6-Quart Coffee Pots, of fine granite in handsome design—regular 59c quality—till noon Wednesday..... 19c

Sateen Berber—All colors—new blues, new greens and black—50c quality—goes till noon Wednesday—per yard—for..... 25c

Undermuslins—Choice till noon Wednesday, full table Embroidered Gowns, Skirts, Drawers and Corset Covers, worth to 69c each—3 garments for \$1.00—or one at..... 35c

Underskirts—Rustaline Taffeta Petticoats—exceedingly pretty and rustles like silk—cheap at \$1.25—till noon Wednesday..... 59c

Ladies' Shoes.

Go in the Manufacturers' Great Outlet Sale at about 30c on the Dollar.

All our Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes, being the broken sizes left from this season's trade, shoes formerly sold at from 98c to \$2.69c your choice Wednesday at..... 69c

Ladies' Dongola Kid Button and Lace Shoes in nearly all sizes and worth \$1.50 and \$2.00. Also Misses' Dongola Kid, Spring Heel Lace Shoes—sizes up to 2 and worth \$1.50. Also Boys' Sash Calf, Calf Toe, Lace Shoes—sizes up to 2 and worth \$1.50. Take your choice Wednesday, at pair..... 95c

Ladies' Finest Vici and French Kid Shoes—heavy or light soles—welts and turns—in tan, olive and black—all sizes—not a pair worth less than \$3.00, and some as high as \$5.00, your choice while they last Wednesday..... \$1.98

Slaughter Sale Wrappers Wednesday.

Percales in new and pretty patterns, made to order, 10c

into stylish \$1.00 Wrappers, 45c

choice Wednesday..... 45c

Wrappers of handsome Flannellette, in new patterns, nicely trimmed, stylish \$1.25 to \$2.00 quality—choice Wednesday..... 75c

98c and 75c

Handkerchiefs.

Men's Fine quality Plain White Hemstitched and Colored Border Handkerchiefs, worth to 12 1/2c—Wednesday..... 5c

Ladies' Sheer, Hemstitched, Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 10c—Wednesday..... 5c

Ladies' Fine Unlaundered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with hand-embroidered initials—worth 12 1/2c—Wednesday, each..... 7 1/2c

Stamped and Fancy Linens

Less Than 30 Cents on the Dollar.

5000 pieces beautiful Stamped Linens, broken lines, odds and ends, etc.—Scraps, Squares, Trays, Cloths, Romie or Plain Linen, hemstitched and fringed—Irish Point Scarf Squares—in short, quite everything in Stamped and Fancy Linens—divided into two immense lots for Wednesday..... 15c

Lot 1—Fine p's..... 2c

Lot 2—Elegant p's..... 50c

150 Moline Linen Fringed Scarfs—all linen Stamped Tray Cloths—Stamped and Fringed Denim Cushion Covers—beautiful pieces all, not one of which is worth less than 25c—choice Wednesday..... 15c

BRUSH OF CINCINNATI.

HE SAYS THE NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING WILL SURELY BE HELD HERE.

AS TO DICKSON AND TALBOT.

Is Completely Off.

It is about settled that the National League meeting will be held in St. Louis.

John T. Brush, President of the Cincinnati club, and the best wire puller in the League, while at Cincinnati yesterday was asked:

"Where will the schedule meeting of the National League be held—New York or St. Louis?"

"I am of the opinion that it will take place in St. Louis, as originally mapped out," was the President's reply. "President Von der Ahe wants it there, and I see no reason for going to New York."

"How about the deal for the St. Louis club?"

"So far as Talbot and Dickson are concerned it is off," said the head of the Cincinnati club. "Talbot left Indianapolis the other day for a long one-way voyage. That means that this firm is out of the baseball market for a long time to come. I have the fire at my residence, that I have not had time to keep in touch with baseball."

Yesterday, Jan. 31, 1898, marked the retirement of the oldest National League player in point of actual service. At that time Capt. Adair C. A. Jones, of the Chicago club, retired from the arena, his ten years' contract with the Chicago club having expired. Yesterday was the last day of Anson's 22 years of service with the Chicago team.

Anson's record for 22 years is as follows:

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Anson has always taken an interest in

other sports. He is a good cricket player, an average shot and an excellent handball player. His skill as a handball player was two winters ago he tried to make a record for himself on the stage, but his attempt was a failure.

With all his failure to come up to public expectations in keeping up a winning team Anson has always remained popular with the Chicago citizens, as was shown last spring when a testimonial was presented him at the opening home game. His sterling honesty and earnestness, his temperate habits and gentlemanly deportment have commended him to patrons of the game, and the necessity that prompt action is generally deplored, especially by the old timers, who knew him when he needed no defenders.

ANSON AS CHIEF OF UMPIRES.

Spalding Thinks the League Will Adopt Freedman's Suggestion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Albert C. Spalding, ex-president of the Chicago Baseball club, said to-day:

"In my opinion the league men at their coming meeting should throttle kicking in such an emphatic way that players in the future will have to pay for the privilege of questioning the decisions of umpires. So far as the Chicago club is concerned, President Hart will not tolerate any kicking this year, and will make a fight on this point of the league meeting."

The statement can now be made without fear of denial that Anson will not be re-engaged in any capacity by the Chicago club. Regarding Anson, Spalding said:

"I think the league might adopt Freedman's suggestion to put Anson in absolute charge of the umpire department."

Monday's Track Winners.

At New Orleans—W. C. T. Crystalline, Maggie S. David, Judge Steadman, Blacking Brush.

At San Francisco—Olethens, George Melier, Meadowlark, Geyser, Glorian, Myth.

At St. Louis—W. C. T. Crystalline, Maggie S. David, Judge Steadman, Blacking Brush.

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GREW WEAKER AND WEAKER.

Had Poor Blood, Distress from Food, and Liver Troubles.

After Eating, Food Seemed as if It Had Turned to Rocks.

"Dr. Greene's Nervura Saved My Life—Felt the Good Effects Immediately."

"Two years ago in January I began to get poorly in health and my husband called in the doctor, and I was put under medical treatment. I had sharp, prickling pains between my shoulder blades, grew thin and pale, and had great difficulty in lying down. My blood was poor; my food distressed me, and after eating it would seem as though it had turned into rocks; it would roll about my stomach and cause me great distress. Nothing the doctor did for me seemed to do me any good. I grew steadily worse, and finally in February I was forced to take my bed. I grew weaker and weaker, and after while, changed physicians. That did no good, and I changed doctors again, but still I kept failing.



"The last doctor called in another physician and they decided that the cause of my sickness was enlargement of the liver. A course of treatment was decided upon and tried faithfully, but I got lower and lower, until at last the doctor said I could not live more than two or three days at the most. The day this statement was made, a neighbor told my husband how much his wife had been benefited by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and urged him to try it in my case. It was the last hope, but he bought a bottle and I commenced its use. I felt the good effects of the Nervura almost immediately, and kept on taking it and gaining all the time. I commenced to use the Nervura the second day of April, and before the month of April was gone I was out of bed and for good. I have not been confined to the bed by illness since taking this remedy. I think Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy saved my life, and I do not hesitate to recommend it as a valuable preparation.

"MRS. JAMES DEVLIN,
"Penacook, N. H."
Dr. Greene, 148 State street, Chicago, Ill., the most successful physician in curing diseases, can be consulted free personally or by letter.

MORE STOLEN JEWELRY.

Deputy Sheriffs Find Additional Plunder in Urfer's House.

Additional jewelry, amounting to over \$1200, stolen by Fred Urfer, late employee of the Bolland Jewelry Co., was brought to light Monday night by a search of Urfer's home, 1229 South Ninth street, by Deputy Sheriffs.

The goods, which filled a large spring wagon, were taken to the Police Court and placed in the safe in the Sheriff's office. It was held as evidence at the preliminary hearing before Judge Murphy.

Armed with a search warrant, Deputies Longford, Becker, Troll and Schuster, accompanied by Mr. Clarence White, Secretary of the Bolland Company, arrived at the Urfer home at 6 o'clock.

They were met at the door by a servant girl, who was told of the nature of the raid. She summoned Mrs. Urfer and the prisoner's brothers and sisters to the parlor, where the search warrant was read to them.

Leaving Deputies Becker and Schuster to remain with the family the other began their investigation.

The search brought to light goods which were stolen six years ago, silver, clocks, umbrellas, eight dozen silver spoons and other articles. After two hours' hard work the plunder was hauled away.

"Yes," said Mr. White, Tuesday, "we found goods that we have not carried in stock for four or five years."

Our goods recovered last night will amount to over \$1200 and all of this was taken out of the store. The first batch was run out of the garret was all stolen from our auction store.

"It was our intention at first to let Urfer off with a sentence of two or three years in the penitentiary, but after the developments and the belief that he is yet concealing money derived from the proceeds of his stealings, we are inclined to drop all feelings of leniency."

The boy came near getting away from us Monday on a bond of \$1000. He had all but signed it when another warrant was served on him, and I guess he'll stay there in jail for a while longer."

It has been said that Urfer has been able to conceal a part of the proceeds of his robbery, and that no trace has been found of where he has deposited the money.

Get a tutor of any kind for your children through Post-Dispatch wants.

CARPENTERS WIN—Conrad Keller, City Hall contractor, has decided to pay the carpenters' union scale of 25 cents an hour. He paid only 30 cents until the union claimed he had violated the contract. The settlement includes payment of 5 cents an hour back wages for every hour worked since the contract went into effect.

Official facsimile of Medal Awarded

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

FOR HIGHEST EXCELLENCE

THE TERMINAL'S WAR.

INTERSTATE SAND AND TRANSFER COMPANY ADOPTS SOME NEW TACTICS.

MEASURES FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Cutting Loose From the Wiggins Ferry Company on Matters of Transportation.

The war of the Terminals took a new turn Tuesday morning when the Interstate Sand and Car Transfer Co. completed arrangements for the operation of an independent transfer railway on the west side of the river.

This is the latest phase in the rivalry between the Interstate company and the Wiggins Ferry Co. The Interstate company was formed two years ago, to transfer freight across the river by ferry and deliver it on this side, and operated independently of the so-called bridge combine.

For the delivery of its freight on this side of the river the Interstate company had depended on the services of the St. Louis Transfer Railway, the property of the Wiggins Ferry Company. To that extent it was in the hands of the enemy.

The Wiggins Ferry Co. objected to delivering its rival's freight and the Interstate company sued out a writ of mandamus in Judge Wood's court, compelling the St. Louis Transfer Railway Co. to accept its freight for delivery.

The Interstate company then changed its tactics and set about establishing an independent transfer connection.

As an entering wedge it leased the Venice and Carondelet Belt better known as the Air Line Belt, on the east side of the river. This line has connections with the Eastern lines not members of the Terminal Association.

The Interstate Co.'s incline is opposite the foot of Miller street, on the east side of the river. Freight has heretofore been transferred by ferry to the Wiggins Ferry Co. incline at the foot of Miller street, and there taken charge of by the St. Louis Transfer Railway Co. and delivered at its regular rates.

The Interstate Co.'s plan, completed Tuesday, is to divert most of this business from the Wiggins Ferry Co. It has formed an alliance with the Burlington, under the terms of which the Burlington is to deliver its freight on this side of the river. The Interstate Co. has leased 10 acres of land on the river front north of Grand avenue and has erected an incline of 100 feet, transferring its freight across the river from its incline opposite Miller street it will inaugurate a system of transfer gratis, to carry it up the river to the North St. Louis incline.

From there the Burlington will deliver its freight. Only freight destined to the Iron Mountain and Missouri Pacific will be turned over to the Wiggins Ferry Co. President Kavanaugh of the Interstate Co. says steps will soon be taken to provide an independent connection with the two Gould lines.

The Interstate company is having erected a steel-hull boat which will be the largest of its kind ever operated on the Upper Mississippi. The ordinary transfer boat has a capacity of 1000 tons.

The new craft will have four, instead of two, tracks, and will carry 32 loaded freight cars.

"We will be prepared to transfer an entire train of stock or other freight," said President Kavanaugh.

"We do not mean to inaugurate a rate war, but we mean to place ourselves in hot competition with the bridges and the Wiggins Ferry Co. A change in the basis of competition will follow if the bridge companies and the Wiggins people reduce their rates. We will be prepared to meet them. We may directly or indirectly bring about a reduction in the so-called bridge arbitrary."

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TAKE A HAND IN DUMP SALE NO. 6 THE REAL BARGAIN EVENT!

Men's Percal Landered SHIRTS,

Assorted patterns—collars and cuffs attached—size 14 to 17½—worth fully 75c—Dumped to..... 38c

Several Hundred Pairs SUSPENDERS,

The kind that we sold at 15c—have been Dumped to..... 5c

Men's Winter GLOVES,

The \$1.00 goods Dumped to..... 19c

Men's Canton Flannel DRAWERS,

Worth 50c—Dumped to..... 27c

Men's Gray UNDERWEAR,

Worth 35c—Dumped to per garment..... 19c

Men's Natural Wool and Jersey Ribbed UNDERWEAR,

Worth 50c—Dumped to per garment..... 25c

Men's Fleece Lined UNDERWEAR,

Jersey Ribbed, tans worth 85c—Dumped to per garment..... 33c

Men's French Mixed HALF HOSE,

Worth fully 12½c—now Dumped to..... 5c

Men's Genuine Merino HALF HOSE,

Double apliced heels and toes—worth 35c—Dumped to..... 17c



The Great Crowds of yesterday and to-day give promise of still greater crowds to come—for it is but reasonable to suppose that those who fared so sumptuously to-day will not be slow in telling their friends and neighbors to-morrow.

Everything dumped at a price that will sell it on sight.

MEN! We offer you your Free and Unrestricted Choice of The Finest Men's Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters

IN THE ENTIRE HOUSE FOR WERE \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50 AND \$25.

This Sweeping Offer Includes: The very finest Suits in the house—Cheviots, Cassimeres, Tailors' Fancy Mixed Worsted in all the prevailing styles—the very finest Overcoats, Kersyes, Beavers, Meltons and Covert Cloths—and the very best Ulsters—Fur lined, and the finest productions of the most renowned wholesale tailors in America. (Not reserved but the highest priced Clay Worsted Suits.)

WE OFFER YOU THE PICK OF The Very Finest...

BOYS' SUITS, OVERCOATS, ULSTERS AND REEFERS... IN THE ENTIRE HOUSE. Ages 4 to 16 years. Worth up to \$10.00.

For \$4.39

For \$9.25

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For \$32.25

For \$33.25

For \$34.25

For \$35.25

Men's Four-Ply Linen COLLARS,

Some slightly imperfect, all kinds, worth 10c to 20c, Dumped to..... 5c

Our entire line of MANHATTAN

Colored Bosom White Body shirts—also colored Percale and Madras lawn—worth 10c to 15c, Dumped to..... 75c

Men's Heavy Grade Full Seamless HALF HOSE,

Tans and Blacks, worth 10c, Dumped to..... 8c

Men's Unlaundered SHIRTS,

Elegant patterns, worth 25c—Dumped to..... 24c

Men's Muslin and Heavy Flannel NIGHT SHIRTS,

The 7c quality have been Dumped to..... 39c

Men's and Boys' SWEATERS,

Blue and Maroon—worth 10c to 15c—Dumped to..... 39c

Men's Silk Teck SCARVES,

Four-in-Hands and Band Bows—worth 35c and 50c—Dumped to..... 13c

Ladies' Fast Black Full Seamless HOSIERY,

The regular 10-cent quality Dumped to..... 5c

Ladies' Fast Black Full Seamless HOSIERY,

With genuine Maco feet—worth 15c—Dumped to..... 8c

WE HAVE BEGUN OUR February Clearing Sale

Suits, Ulsters and Overcoats

For Men, Boys and Children.

At the prices we are making on ULSTERS and OVERCOATS it will pay you to buy them even if you pack them away for next winter.

Browning, King & Co., Broadway and Pine.

"DON'T PUT OFF TILL TO-MORROW THE DUTIES OF TO-DAY." BUY A CAKE OF

SAPOLIO

A GREAT SALE THIS WEEK!

REMNANTS OF OIL CLOTHS. REMNANTS OF LINOLEUMS.

OIL CLOTH REMNANTS, running from 4 to 8 yards, slightly damaged, at (a yard)..... 12½c

LINOLEUM REMNANTS, at (a yard)..... 29c

BEAUTIFUL RUBBERINE OIL CLOTH, worth 35c, at..... 15c

2 PATTERNS AXMINSTER CARPET, worth \$1.25, at..... 75c

45 ROLLS TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, worth 85c, at..... 39c

No Mail Orders sent in this sale. Nothing CHARGED. Strictly Cash Only.

514 FRANKLIN AVENUE, J. H. TIEMEYER.

HE ROBBED ALOE'S.

EXPERT WINDOW THIEF AGAIN IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE POLICE.

GOOD FOR A LONG TERM.

Joseph Reardon Will Be Indicted Under the Habitual Criminal Act.

Joseph Reardon has broken into the records of habitual criminals and Chief of Police Harrigan says he will endeavor to have him indicted under the habitual criminal act when the grand jury convenes next week.

Reardon broke one of the large plate glass windows of the A. S. Aloe Optical Co., 517 Olive street, at 11 o'clock Monday night and stole four pairs of opera glasses valued at \$210.

Private Watchman Alex Dunn of the Commercial Building saw a man in front of Aloe's, who paused and looked around to see if he were observed. Dunn drew back into a shadow to watch. Thinking no one saw him the man drew a missile from under his overcoat and threw it through the window.

Trusting his hand hurriedly through the opening he seized several articles and placed them under his overcoat.

Dunn hurried across the street and caught the fellow by the arm. In withdrawing his hand the window smashed and the man severely on the jagged glass and the wound bled profusely.

He offered no resistance, the private watchman said, but proceeded to act as if drunk or crazy. He laughed in a maniacal way and with his hand on his forehead he begged for mercy. Perhaps the bright revolver which the private watchman thrust in his face had something to do with his failure to attempt to escape.

Dunn called a policeman. Patrolman Curran came and the window smasher was taken to the Chestnut Street Police Station, where he gave the name of Joseph Reardon.

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The seeming abeyance of the agitation due to efforts that were being quietly made to solve two problems. The first was, who should manage the enterprise? The second came first because it was essential that the man capable of managing it should be able to supervise and direct the building of the barges. The second problem was how to construct towboats of sufficient capacity and lightness of draft to do their work and skin the sandbars at all seasons. With these two problems solved the money would be forthcoming.

But now the manager is in sight, and he is a man of authority. He is Alexander McDougall of Chicago. Mr. McDougall is the man who built and is still operating the wheelback steamers between Chicago and Duluth. He came to St. Louis recently and made a thorough examination of the sandbars and obstructions lying between this city and Cairo. Then he approved the plan suggested by the promoters of having the towboats equipped with an adjustable stern wheel, that could be raised when shooting a bar, and dropped for navigable water.

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BATTALION NOW FORMED.

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"Battalion, attention!" These words rang out at the armory Monday night and were the first command given to the First Naval Reserve Brigade of the State of Missouri.

A line of men extended across the park at the Armory. More than 100 were put through foot movements and while they marched around the open place the officers of the militia, who watched from the corridors said they never saw a finer body of recruits. It was soon evident that at least half the men who had joined had seen military service before and when columns of fours was formed it was found possible to march with experience as Nos. 1 and 4 in each set.

Prior to the drill in the park a meeting was held in the officers' headquarters and the room could barely contain those who crowded in to hear the aims and objects of the organization discussed.

A resolution was adopted that the election of all officers shall be by ballot for six months or a year, in order that the men in the ranks were best suited for office.

In the meantime Lieutenant Commander Hunkle, who was elected last Thursday night, should appoint such temporary officers as he deemed necessary to bring the battalion up to an efficient standard.

Other resolutions provided for service stripes, to be worn by those who had served before and fixed the height, etc., of recruits.

A resolution providing for honorable discharges was adopted after considerable discussion. It permits persons who, for any cause, wish to sever their connection with the reserves to do so, by bringing in three recruits or by paying \$5 into the treasury.

There was a recess of five minutes, during which time thirty names were added to the enlistment papers, and then the order was given for the command to "fall in" in the Armory park.

Lieutenant Commander Hunkle appointed Capt. W. F. Lynn, formerly of the Missouri militia, to act as drill master for the evening and the recruits were put through the foot movements.

At the conclusion of an hour's drill Commander Hunkle was congratulated by a number of infantry officers who had been spectators.

"The meeting of last night," said the Commander Tuesday, "proves that the battalion will be a success. There is now no such word as fall and I think we will surprise St. Louisans by the splendid showing we will make on our first public appearance."

The enlistment papers will probably be forwarded to Adjutant-General Bell Friday. There will be another meeting Thursday evening and those who wish to join had better be there and put their names on paper from the books of things, the lists will soon be closed.

It is an enthusiastic body of men and all seem to have the interest of the organization at heart. It may be a little monotonous for awhile, drilling without uniforms or arms, but their articles will be secured as soon as possible after the papers have been forwarded."

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